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CHINESE MISSILE SALES TO IRAN

Q: Any comments on reports that China is helping Iran to develop medium-range missiles?

A: -- WE DO NOT COMMENT ON REPORTS BASED ON INTELLIGENCE SOURCES.

-- WE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW PROLIFERATION ISSUES WORLDWIDE, AND EXAMINE CAREFULLY ALL EVIDENCE REGARDING TRANSFERS OF MISSILE TECHNOLOGY FROM ANY SOURCE.

-- AS YOU KNOW, CHINA HAS AGREED TO ABIDE BY THE GUIDELINES AND PARAMETERS OF THE MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME. AS SECRETARY BAKER TOLD THE CONGRESS LAST WEEK, WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE CHINESE REGARDING THIS AGREEMENT. WE SEE THIS LETTER AS A CLEAR STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

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